



ARE YOU A TAKFIRI?

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Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.

Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Islam.

Welcome back to this seminar. Today's topic is **"Are You a Takfiri?"**

What Is the Definition of a Takfiri?

A **Takfiri** is a person who pronounces other people as infidels (kuffar).

If you make takfir on a fake Muslim, you are a Takfiri.

There is **nothing wrong** with being a Takfiri, because a Takfiri is simply a person who makes takfir.

It is like saying:

- An essayist is a person who writes essays.
- A socialist is a person who believes in socialism.
- A communist is a person who believes in communism.

A Takfiri is a person who makes takfir. There is **nothing wrong** with being a Takfiri.

What is wrong is being a **Khawarij**. That is wrong.

A Khawarij is a person who exaggerates with his takfir. A Khawarij makes takfir on Muslims **wrongfully**.

To be a Takfiri is **compulsory** upon you. What is wrong is to be a **Khawarij**.

The 10 Nullifiers of Islam by Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab رحمه الله

Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab put together ten things that eject a person outside the fold of Islam.

One of the ten nullifiers is: **when you refuse to make takfir**.

If you refuse to call a kafir a kafir and claim that their aqeedah is correct, you become a kafir yourself. This principle is called **chain takfir**.

The third nullifier of Islam (according to Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab) is: whoever does not apply the kufr principle upon the polytheists, or whoever doubts that the polytheists are infidels, or whoever corrects the polytheists' path.

So if you refuse to make takfir on a kafir, or you think their aqeedah is correct, you become a kafir.

The Lie Spread by the Wicked Scholars

The wicked scholars say: "Only a scholar who is firmly grounded in knowledge is allowed to make takfir."

This is a big lie!

If you are walking down the road and you see a man wearing a cross around his neck, you are allowed to make takfir on him — **even if you are not a scholar**.

If you see a woman wearing a sari exposing her belly and a red dot on her forehead, you are allowed to make takfir on her.

If you are sitting at a dinner table and someone says, "Not everything in the Qur'an is correct," you must make takfir on him.

If someone says, "I don't see anything wrong with approaching a magician," you must make takfir.

If someone says, "I don't see anything wrong with interest (riba) because I need to pay my workers," you must make takfir.

If someone says, "The only pigs that are haram are those roaming free, but if I raise pigs in a clean pigsty and feed them properly, that pork is halal," you must make takfir.

If you hear these statements and you doubt in your heart that the person is a kafir, you become a kafir yourself — because of the principle of chain takfir.

The Importance of Takfir – 10 Reasons

The scholars of Islam gathered many reasons why takfir is important. Here are ten:

1. **You cannot marry your Muslim daughters to infidels.** Many Muslims marry their daughters to Barelwis or other deviants because they are Murji'ah and think "as long as he says La ilaha illallah, he is good to go." Evidence: **Surah al-Mumtahanah (60:10)** – "Muslim women are not lawful for kafir men, and kafir men are not lawful for Muslim women."

2. **Kuffar cannot enter Makkah or Madinah.** The two holy cities are for Muslims only.
Evidence: The Prophet ﷺ said, “No two religions are to be found in the Arabian Peninsula.” (Sahih Muslim)
3. **Kuffar cannot gain access to the strategic secrets of the Islamic State.**
4. **A kafir cannot inherit from a Muslim.** If one of your children becomes a Christian, Shia, Qadiani, etc., he must be disinherited.
5. **A Muslim cannot be killed for the sake of a kafir.** If a zimmi (protected non-Muslim) is killed by a Muslim, the Muslim pays blood money. But the opposite is not allowed.
6. **For the sake of al-Wala’ wal-Bara’ (loyalty and disavowal).** You must know who is a Muslim and who is a kafir so you can love and hate for the sake of Allah. Evidence: **Surah**
7. **al-Mujadilah (58:22) and Surah al-Mumtahanah (60:4)** (example of Ibrahim عليه السلام).
8. **To topple the leader if he falls into clear kufr.** Evidence: Hadith in Sahih al-Bukhari – “Topple the leader if you see clear kufr.”
9. **During jihad, you need to know who to kill.** You cannot kill Muslims. Evidence: **Surah an-Nisa (4:94)** – “When you go out in the cause of Allah, verify the truth...”
10. **You cannot pray over kuffar.** Evidence: **Surah at-Tawbah (9:84)** – “And never pray over any of them who has died...”
11. **You cannot bury kuffar in Muslim graveyards.** Even in death we practise al-Wala’ wal-Bara’. Gays, apostates, and kuffar cannot be buried in Muslim graveyards.

Allah Himself Is a Takfiri – Examples of Allah Making Takfir

Allah makes takfir in the Qur’an. Therefore being a Takfiri is an honour — you are following Allah.

Example 1: Takfir on grave-worshippers (those who pray to intermediaries)

Surah az-Zumar (39:3)

“Surely the religion is for Allah alone. And those who take protectors besides Him [say], ‘We only worship them so that they may bring us closer to Allah.’”

Allah calls them **liars and kuffar**.

Example 2: Takfir on the People of the Book (Jews & Christians who reject Muhammad ﷺ)

Surah al-Bayyinah (98:6)

“Indeed, those who disbelieve from the People of the Scripture and the polytheists will be in the fire of Hell, abiding eternally therein. They are the worst of creatures.”

The Prophet ﷺ said (Sahih Muslim):

“By the One in Whose hand is my soul, any Jew or Christian who hears about me and then dies while rejecting faith in me will be in the Hellfire.”

Example 3: Takfir on practitioners of black magic

Surah al-Baqarah (2:102)

Allah makes takfir on those who learn and practise sihr (black magic) to break up marriages.

Example 4: Takfir on those who slaughter animals in the name of false deities

Surah al-An'am (6:121)

Allah says if you obey the kuffar and eat dead meat, you become a mushrik like them.

Example 5: Takfir on those who do not rule by what Allah revealed

Surah al-Ma'idah (5:44)

“And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed — then it is those who are the disbelievers.”

Example 6: Takfir on those who mock Islam

Surah at-Tawbah (9:65-66)

Allah says if you mock Allah, His signs, or His Messenger, you have disbelieved after believing.

Example 7: Takfir on those who sit where the deen is ridiculed

Surah an-Nisa (4:140)

“And it has already come down to you in the Book that when you hear the verses of Allah being denied and mocked, then do not sit with them until they talk about something else.”

Example 8: Takfir on those who take sides with the kuffar against the believers

Surah al-Ma'idah (5:51)

“O you who have believed, do not take the Jews and the Christians as allies. They are allies of one another. And whoever is an ally to them among you — then indeed, he is one of them.”

Example 9: Takfir on those who believe in the Qur'an but reject the Hadith

Surah an-Nisa (4:150-151)

Allah calls them the real kuffar.

Example 10: Takfir on those who raise their voice above the voice of the Prophet ﷺ

Surah al-Hujurat (49:2)

Allah says if you raise your voice above the Prophet's, all your deeds are nullified.

Example 11: Takfir on those who hate the angel Jibril

Surah al-Baqarah (2:98)

The Jews hated Jibril because he brought the Qur'an. Allah made takfir on them.

Example 12: Scholars' consensus on those who insult the Prophet ﷺ

All scholars agree: whoever insults the Prophet ﷺ is a kafir and must be killed.

Example 13: Takfir on those who call to Arab nationalism (or any nationalism)

Shaykh Bin Baz and others made takfir on this. It is a call of jahiliyyah.

End of Lecture.

May Allah make us among those who make takfir where it is due and follow the Qur'an and Sunnah with precision. Ameen.

